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In re Application of  
James D. Minich  
Serial No.: 09/698,213  
Filed: October 30, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.: 16517.075

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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART  
: PERIOD FOR REPLY  
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This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed February 21, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on November 6, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until February 12, 2002, more than one month after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the docketing receipt stamped first page of the Office action as evidence thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The period for reply to the Office action mailed November 6, 2001, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, February 12, 2002. The time period for reply remains as set therein.**

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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